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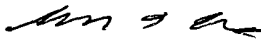
This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment filed October 15, 2000. The original set of claims were directed to a method of forming a stackable wafer in an implantable device. Applicant amended claims, which are directed to a device.

1. Newly submitted claims 22-24 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The original claims were directed to a method of forming a stackable wafer in an implantable device.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-22 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. The amendment filed on October 15, 2002 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are directed to an apparatus and not a method.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

  
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